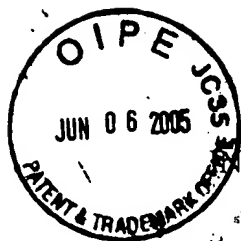


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PETITION TO WITHDRAW A HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions that the Holding of Abandonment for the above-identified application be withdrawn. This Petition for Withdrawal of Notice of Abandonment is responsive to the Notice of Abandonment mailed from the Patent Office on May 20, 2005. The Notice indicates that the application is abandoned in view of Applicant's failure to respond to the Final Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on June 29, 2004.

BACKGROUND

Applicant received an Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on December 3, 2003 and filed an Amendment to the application on April 5, 2004. Having received no further Office Action from the Patent Office responsive to this Amendment, Applicant filed a Status Inquiry on January 18, 2005.

Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment mailed from the Patent Office May 20, 2005 for failure to respond to a Final Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on June 29, 2004. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the abandonment on the basis that the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on June 29, 2004 *was returned to the Patent Office on July 16, 2004.*

Thus, it should be obvious that Applicant did not receive the Office Action. The undersigned verifies that he has searched the file jacket and the docket log of the application to confirm that, in fact, no Office Action was received.

Applicant's Status Inquiry of January 18, 2005, received in the Patent Office on January 1, 2005, was never responded to, Applicant was not informed at that time that an Office Action had been sent and returned to the Patent Office.

The above-identified application is being held abandoned in view of the Applicants failure to respond to the Office Action stated to have been mailed on June 29, 2004.

In support of Applicant's contention that this application should not be abandoned, Applicant encloses a highlighted copy of a PAIR printout showing the date of the: 1) mailing of the Final Office Action, 2) mail returned to the Patent Office; 3) Applicant's Status Inquiry, 4) a docket log for this application and 4) the Notice of Abandonment. It appears in the printout of the envelope returned to the Patent Office that the address was not showing through the window which would account for the failure of the Postal Service to deliver the envelope and instead return it to the Patent Office.

Applicable Rules and Procedures

MPEP § 711.03(c) sets forth the requirements for a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment based on the failure to reply within period. MPEP § 711.03(c) states in part that:

"Where an applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned (e.g., there is a disagreement as to the sufficiency of the reply, or as to controlling dates), a petition under 37 CFR 1.181(a) requesting withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is the appropriate course of action, and such petition does not require a fee. "

MPEP § 711.03(c) also sets forth the requirements for showing required to support a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment based on the failure to receive an Office. MPEP § 711.03(c) states in part that:

"The showing required to establish nonreceipt of an Office communication must include a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office communication was not received by the practitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. A copy of the docket record where the nonreceived Office communication would have been entered had it been received and docketed must

be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement. For example, if a three month period for reply was set in the nonreceived Office action, a copy of the docket report showing all replies docketed for a date three months from the mail date of the nonreceived Office action must be submitted as documentary proof of nonreceipt of the Office action."

The Holding of Abandonment Should be Withdrawn

Applicant has complied with the requirements for making a successful petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment. Thus, the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment should be granted.

Clearly the Final Office Action was not received by Applicant, therefore Applicant could not respond and under the circumstances the application should not be abandoned.

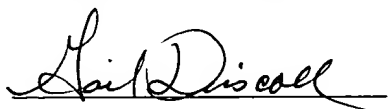
Applicant respectfully requests that the Office Action identified and any related papers be re-mailed to the undersigned attorney so that Applicant can have the opportunity to respond.

If it is determined, after reviewing the petition, that this petition should not be granted for some reason, the Petitions Office is respectfully requested to call Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

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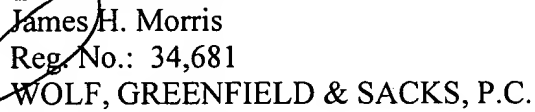


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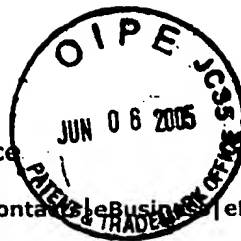
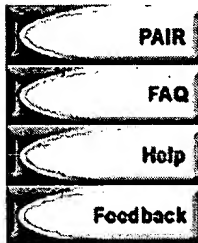
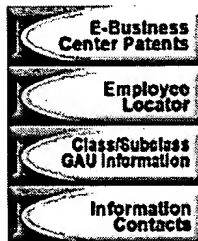
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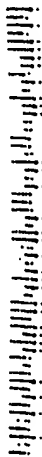
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STATUS INQUIRY

Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby inquires as to the status of the above-identified patent application. There has been no communication from the Patent Office since Applicant filed an amendment on April 5, 2004.

To date Applicant has received no new Office Action. Please advise.

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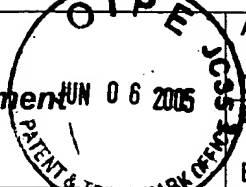
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This application is abandoned in view of:

1. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 29 June 2004.
 - (a) ☐ A reply was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
 - (b) ☐ A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 (a) to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
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 - (d) ☒ No reply has been received.
2. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (a) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
 - (b) ☐ The submitted fee of \$_____ is insufficient. A balance of \$_____ is due.
The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$_____. The publication fee, if required by 37 CFR 1.18(d), is \$_____.
 - (c) ☐ The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received.
3. ☐ Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTO-37).
 - (a) ☐ Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
 - (b) ☐ No corrected drawings have been received.
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5. ☐ The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
6. ☐ The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
7. ☒ The reason(s) below:

The Final Office Action mailed on 06/29/2004 with the corrected address of James H. Morris (Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C.) Boston, MA 02210, however, the mail has returned back to the Patent Office on 07/16/2004. No reply has been received.


 JEAN M. CORRIELUS
 PRIMARY EXAMINER

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